

## Standards of Care for College Park Animal Shelter

### (1) Basic Care:

- a. An animal's general physical condition is evaluated upon arrival and any emergency issues are addressed immediately. Each animal is visually evaluated on a daily basis by a representative of the City for any health issues or injury.
- b. Each animal is checked for identification, e.g. microchip, tattoo, tags, etc.
- c. The general behavior of the animal is also assessed from intake to final disposition.
- d. Animals will be fed nutritious food daily in accordance with the specific needs of the species based on age, weight, and physical condition, unless directed otherwise by a licensed veterinarian.
- e. Clean water will be provided at all times unless directed by a licensed veterinarian.
- f. Permanent cages (runs, enclosure, or area) will be large enough for animal(s) to make normal postural adjustments.
- g. Any animals that the City facility cannot provide basic care for, (exotic, vicious, feral, livestock, etc) will be transported to the County Animal Control shelter.

### (2) Sanitation:

- a. The City facility shall be kept tidy and free of any solid waste. All solid waste will be removed to an exterior garbage container on a daily basis.
- b. The floors shall be swept and mopped on an as needed basis.
- c. Animal bedding and linens will be laundered if soiled with bodily fluids, and between uses by different animals.
- d. Cages will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between animals. Individual animal cages will be made of a non-porous surface kept clean and free of solid waste and/or bodily fluids.
- e. Hand soap and sanitizer will be made available to all City representatives working with animals within the facility for use between animals.

### (3) Population Management:

- a. Due to the limited space available for use for both animals on stray hold as well as animals that have been accepted into the adoption program, population capacity will be routinely assessed and determined by the Animal Control Officer.
- b. At declared capacity, animals may be transported to the County Animal Shelter, an approved foster home, or an approved adoption partner.

### (4) Disease Control and Prevention:

- a. Animals will be observed daily for signs of illness or injury and will be treated as appropriate.
- b. Animals entering the City facility will be checked for fleas and ticks, and treated as necessary to prevent infestation of the facility and other animals.
- c. Animals entering the adoption program will begin appropriate vaccine series for species.

- d. Cats on stray hold that have not been tested for viruses will be kept caged with a light cover around the cage if there are other cats in the facility.

(5) Behavioral Health and Mental Well-Being:

- a. Animals will be monitored for mental suffering, distress, or behavioral deterioration on a daily basis.
- b. Enrichment will not be considered optional, but shall be required as a basic need.
- c. One-on-one interaction will be provided on a daily basis in addition to toys or environmental stimuli for periods that animals are left alone.
- d. Artificial light will be supplied for a portion of the day, accompanied by artificial darkness for the remainder. A small light will be provided to avoid injury to persons and animals.

(6) Euthanasia:

- a. It will be the duty of the Animal Control Officer, a licensed veterinarian, or a representative of the County Health Department to determine if/when an animal will be humanely euthanized.
- b. The City does not perform this procedure, so all humane euthanasia will be performed by the County Animal Shelter or a licensed veterinarian.

(7) Medical Standards:

- a. Animals entering the adoption program shall be appropriately vaccinated to include at least a Rabies vaccine (if age appropriate) and
  - i. FPRC for cats
  - ii. DAPP for dogs
- b. Animals entering into the adoption program shall receive the following blood tests:
  - i. Feline Leukemia/Feline Immunodeficiency Virus for cats
  - ii. Heartworm and tick borne panel for dogs
- c. Animals entering the adoption program shall be microchipped with a unique microchip identification number which the City shall register and maintain guardianship of.
- d. Animals entering into the adoption program shall be neutered prior to leaving custody of the City.
- e. All animals entering the Animal Control facility shall receive broad spectrum parasite treatment.